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ANDRE BELA LOUIS BAK

On August 17, 1966, Tibor Zoltai, Professor and Chairman of Geological Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, upon viewing a photograph of Andre Bela Louis Bak, stated that he could not identify the photograph of Bak as the individual that he had met in approximately 1948 at the office of the Surveys' Nationale Francaise (SNF). Zoltai explained that to the best of his knowledge, he met this individual only on one occasion, some 18 years ago, and that he could not at this time determine whether this individual was identical to the individual represented in the Bak photograph.

Zoltai explained that he had recently returned from a seven-week trip to Europe and had made some inquiries regarding Bak from a number of friends in Paris, France, whom he had reason to believe might have some knowledge of this individual. Zoltai explained that these inquiries were of a negative nature and produced no information of value.

Zoltai stated, however, he had recently contacted Eugene Tumery, his uncle, who resides at 312 St. George Avenue, Toronto 4, Ontario. Zoltai explained that Tumery had been a Major General in the Hungarian Army during World War II and because of his Army rank, would likely have some acquaintance with Bak.

Zoltai stated that Tumery had informed him that Bak and others had organized a Hungarian intelligence organization with French support, and that Bak had been the Executive Officer of this organization with first name unknown, Bako, a Major General in the Hungarian Army being its commanding officer. Zoltai advised he was unable to ascertain the identities of any other individuals connected with this Hungarian intelligence organization, which has French support.

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Zoltai stated that according to Tomory, Bak was a highly disciplined Army officer who expected others who became associated with his organization to follow the dictates of that organization without question. Zoltai cited as an example, one individual who had volunteered to become a member of this Hungarian intelligence organization, and who was unable to get a release from his commitment from Bak to serve in this organization, committed suicide.

Zoltai stated that Tomory in characterizing Bak stated that other than for his zeal for discipline, he knew of no derogatory information concerning Bak.

Zoltai reiterated that while he is reasonably certain that the person he met in 1948 in the office of the SHF was Bak, he could not categorically state that Bak was this individual. Zoltai was of the opinion that of all persons known to him who might have some information regarding Bak, that his uncle, Eugene Tomory, was the best source of information.